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**For: Reagent for Determination of  
Leucocytes and Measurement  
of Haemoglobin in a Sample of  
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**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper; and

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